

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN DAN VILLA, on January 22, 2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dan Villa, Chairman (D)
Sen. Debby Barrett, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Amy Carlson (OBPP)
Shirley Chovanak, Committee Secretary
Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch
Suzan Scott, OBPP

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: Agency Budget Overview and Budget
Hearing, University of Montana
Educational Units and Public
Service Research Agencies

Executive Action: None

00:00:01 Chairman Villa

**PRESENTATIONS FROM UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA AND
PUBLIC SERVICE RESEARCH AGENCIES**

00:01:26 Sheila Stearns, Office of the Commissioner of Higher
Education (OCHE)

00:04:46 George Dennison, President, University of Montana (UM)

00:08:40 Daniel Bingham, Dean, University of Montana-Helena,
College of Technology (UM-Helena COT)

EXHIBIT(jeh15a01)

00:23:04 Frank Gilmore, Chancellor, Montana Tech, University of
Montana (MT Tech-UM)

00:39:03 Richard Storey, Chancellor, University of Montana,
Western (UM-W)

00:54:49 Royce Engstrom, Provost, Vice President - Academic
Affairs, University of Montana, Missoula (UM-Msla)

EXHIBIT(jeh15a02)

01:22:10 Trevor Hunter, President, Associated Students
University of Montana (ASUM)

01:28:25 Mr. Dennison

Questions from Committee: None

Testimonies:

01:32:04 Makale Wolfinger, Student, UM

01:33:42 Faith Dawson, Student, UM

EXHIBIT(jeh15a03)

01:37:17 Andrea MaHugh, Graduate, MT Tech-UM

01:41:20 Sen. Cliff Larson, SD 50, Missoula

01:42:57 Steven Olig, MT Tech-UM

01:45:52 Shawn Morrison, UM

01:48:24 Frank Cote, Senior Director of Government Relations,
Blue Cross-Blue Shields (BCBS)

EXHIBIT(jeh15a04)

01:50:25 Marco Ferro, Director of Public Policy, MEA-MFT

EXHIBIT(jeh15a05)

01:53:07 Dustin Leftridge, Student, UM

01:55:48 Bill Woessner, UM

EXHIBIT(jeh15a06)

02:02:19 Ed Jasmin, Helena, 1959 Graduate, UM

02:05:59 Jennifer Skartveit, Student, UM-Helena COT

02:08:18 Catelyn Tyhurst, UM-Helena COT

02:11:52 Kerry Callahan Bronson, Chairman, MT-PBS

EXHIBIT(jeh15a07)

02:13:45 Lavonne Gritzener, MT-PBS

02:18:50 David Nelson, MT-PBS

02:21:11 Tad Dale, Vice President, Montana Resources

[EXHIBIT\(jeh15a08\)](#)

02:28:56 Break

02:52:05 Reconvene

02:52:29 Kathy Crego, Representative, Montana Public Employees Association

02:57:06 Mitch Jessen, Representative, UM-W; Student Member, Montana Board of Regents

03:01:42 Mike Foster, Representative, Wheatland Memorial Hospital in Harlowton & all Catholic Hospitals in Montana

Questions from Committee: None

03:04:23 Chairman Villa

03:04:49 Mr. Dennison (UM)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh15a09\)](#)

03:05:55 Edmond Deal, Director, MT Tech-UM

[EXHIBIT\(jeh15a10\)](#)

03:23:59 James Burchfield, Interim Director, Montana Forest & Conservation Experiment Station

03:33:49 Sen. Peterson

03:34:00 Chairman Villa leaves. Sen. Barrett takes over as chair.

03:34:28 Mr. Burchfield

03:35:31 Vice Chair Barrett

03:36:14 Mr. Deal (MT Tech-UM)

03:37:18 Vice Chair Barrett

03:37:51 Mr. Deal (MT Tech-UM)

03:38:03 Mr. Dennison (UM)

03:38:10 Vice Chair Barrett

Public Comments:

03:38:40 Smoke Elser, Missoula, Commercial Outfitter

03:40:31 Myra Shulte, Land use Attorney in Missoula, and Attorney for Missoula Association of Counties (MACo)

03:42:24 Orville Daniels

03:47:51 Alan English, Manager, Gallatin Local Water Quality District

[EXHIBIT\(jeh15a11\)](#)

03:53:15 Fess Foster, Geological & Environmental Consulting

[EXHIBIT\(jeh15a12\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

03:58:27 Adjournment

SHIRLEY CHOVANAK, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([jeh15aad.pdf](#))